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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In The Figures

Please replace Fig. 2 with the attached replacement sheet to show the changes reflected thereon in red ink.

In The Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 8, line 3, after "present invention.", insert FIG. 2 shown the wafer carrier 130 (along with wafer 135) misaligned over and with respect to the center of the pad 140a. --

Page 9, line 17, please delete "A" and "B".

Page 9, lines 16-19, after each occurrence of "pad", insert -- 140a --, and after each occurrence of "edge", please insert -- 230 --.